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"LAFE" YOUNG'S IGNORANCE

The following editorial in the Pittsburg Post, December 20, concerning the late Hon. Frank Hurd will be of much interest to Mt. Vernon people. The editorial is entitled, "Lafe Young's Ignorance."

About the only merit the standpat speech of the brief senator from Iowa, "Lafe" Young, possesses is that it does not occupy much space in that willing victim of imposition, the "Congressional Record." As we noted at the time of its delivery, the substance of his cowboy harangue was to have the people endure tariff burdens for the sake of "business." He did not define with any exactness whether he meant the honest business of the great mass of Americans pursuing, or that "business" which flourishes upon tribute pillaged from the people through the processes of tariff schedules. He especially exhibited his editorial spitality by laying strongest stress upon the necessity of preserving the rates on farm products, which yet form the dominant mass of exports.

It is lamentable for a newspaper editor, who has traveled even as far as the Philippines, and acquired some, though fictitious, fame as a village spouter, to project himself abruptly and immodestly upon a Senate to utter this:

They used to say that in Ohio there was a man by the name of Frank Hurd—I do not know whether he is living or dead, but I presume such men never die—who, when he had an audience of farmers in the State of Ohio, could take the tariff schedules and make them so ridiculous that the good agriculturists were prepared, then and there, to go from the school houses and the churches and hold Republican leaders in all out of very indignation. He was elected to Congress about every other term on that doctrine. You can not elect a free trader twice in succession any more than you can find a man who advocates a low tariff defending a low tariff when that tariff is in operation.

Frank Hurd, of Toledo, was one of the brainiest men Ohio ever knew. His father, like himself, was one of its greatest lawyers and a legal publicist of note. Mr. Hurd was elected to three Congresses alternately, but did this fact not strengthen rather than weaken his tariff convictions? Three times his constituents sent him to Congress, and finally only quit because he died. During no year of his service was a low tariff in operation, nor any specimen of what a Democratic House could pass. It behooves an editor, like "Lafe" is when at home, and where he will soon be again, to know all this, or to keep silent at least in the senate.

Further, Mr. Hurd was one of the most eloquent orators his party ever had. Long before "Lafe" Young's superior colleague, Mr. Cummins, embraced the late McKinley creed of reciprocity, Hurd made a speech in the House which rang through the Nation, and its phrase, that sounded like a bugle blast, was "Out to the sea." There was the epitome of all Blaineism, and the initial exhortation that finally converted McKinley. Oughtn't there to be an editor for the "Congressional Record," fully equipped with a box of blue pencils, and also with the more potent function of signing notes: "Your contribution is respectfully declined as not available for our columns?"

EDUCATORS TO CONSIDER HOOKWORM

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—A Comprehensive health exhibit and lecture by Mr. Morgan Smith of Little Rock, in which particular attention is given to the causes and ravages of the hookworm disease, from one of the most striking features of the Arkansas State Teachers' convention which opened here today for three days' session. The programs of the various sessions include many very interesting addresses by President G. W. Drake, of the State association, President John H. Hlman, of Henderson College, Prof. J. H. Reynolds of the State University; Dr. A. C. Miller, president of Hendricks College; Dr. H. S. Hartson, president of Quachita College and other noted authorities on educational subjects.

Society News

Entertain Informally

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Devin entertained informally Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pratt.

Sells-Dennis Wedding

Mr. Ernest Sells of Nellie, Ohio, and Miss Mina Olive Dennis of Gambler were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 24, by the Rev. A. B. Williams at his home.

Entertained At Martinsburg

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Shrontz entertained the following guests at dinner at their home in Martinsburg on Sunday afternoon: Mrs. W. P. Harrison and daughter of Cincinnati, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dodd and son, Frederick, of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Vance and daughter, Helen, of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vance of Utica; Mr. Frank Parrish of Canton, Mrs. W. B. Shrontz and son, Frederick, and Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Shrontz of Martinsburg.

Three Generation Were Present

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Williams entertained at dinner at their home in Brandon on Sunday afternoon. Among the guests present were three children, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Shuff-Christman Nuptials

Mr. Stanley M. Shuff of Utica and Miss Frances A. Christman of Brandon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christman, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage by the Rev. F. E. Brininstool.

Nelson-Moxley Wedding

Mr. Clarence Nelson of Utica and Miss Ethel Moxley of Morrow county were united in marriage Saturday evening at 6 o'clock by the Rev. F. E. Brininstool, pastor of the First Baptist church at his home on East Vine street. After January 1, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will be at home on the Wetheroe farm near Fredericktown.

Bertho Club Gives a Dance

The Christmas number of the Bertho dance was given at the K. of P. armory on Monday evening. About forty-five couples were present to enjoy the evening, among whom were a number of people from out of the city. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Parker Trio of Columbus.

Dunham-Dunham Wedding

Word has been received in the city of the marriage of Mr. George E. Dunham and Miss Almeta Dunham, both of Little River, Kansas, which occurred on Tuesday evening, December 20. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Dunham, formerly of Knox county. The bride has numerous relatives in Mt. Vernon and has visited here frequently.

Entertained With Family Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Montis, North Gay street, delightfully entertained with a family dinner on Monday. Covers were laid for 32. An elegant dinner was served. In the afternoon speeches were made and a most delightful program of music carried out. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Collin Welshmyer of Canton, O.

Fraternity Members Hold a Banquet

The annual banquet of the Beta Phi Fraternity was held at the Log Cabin Cafe on Monday evening. An elaborate supper was served. About thirty were present during the evening. Among whom were the following: Messrs. Herzhberger, Ned Miller, John Russell, Sheller and Chase, all of Newark. Mr. Herbert H. Hancock acted as toastmaster during the evening. The following men responded to toasts:

"Old Times"—T. L. Bogardus.

"Facts and Figures"—Bruce Woolson.

"Purgatory, Hell, Heaven"—Joseph Parks.

"Miscellaneous Incidentals"—Paul Barber.

"Here"—Guy Lauderbaugh.

Christmas Party At Wm. H. Smith's

The home of Mr. Wm. H. Smith, East Chestnut street, was the scene of a very merry Christmas party on Saturday, when Mr. Smith's children and grandchildren gathered there to celebrate the Christmas festival. Immediately after a bounteous dinner had been served, and the guests were

still at the table, the door bell rang, announcing the arrival of Santa Claus. The parlor doors were thrown open revealing to the delighted and surprised children a Christmas tree, "bearing all manner of fruits" for all present. After the distribution of these, a special basket was produced, containing one or more gifts for each guest, which Santa had selected with most careful regard to that particular person's pet aversion, or a burlesque of his favorite tid bit, or the suggestion of some blunder committed by him. These were received amid shouts of laughter by recipients and spectators, and was one of the most enjoyable features of the day.

Those present were: the host and his daughter, Miss Esther, Miss Adelaide Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. George Keys, Mrs. Louise Keys and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Smith of Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith and Miss Fay Lauderbaugh of Columbus.

Surprise Party At Buckeye City

At high noon Monday, as Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rice of Buckeye City, stepped into their home for the noon-day meal, they were met at the door by about thirty of their relatives—the surprise having been arranged by their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hall. To say that they were completely surprised would be putting it very mildly indeed. The table was loaded beneath a burden of choice viands and delicacies. The entire company gathered in the dining room and did ample justice to the Christmas dinner. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly and music was furnished by Misses Tamzin Hess, Ona Wander and Mr. E. B. Rice. The company departed late in the afternoon wishing each other many returns of such an enjoyable Christmas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wander and daughter, Ona, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Workman, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Scholes and son, Jay, and daughter, Anna Belle, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hess and daughter Tamzin Hess of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rice, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Staats and son, Harold, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Richert and daughter, Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Strausbaugh and son, Lawrence of Wooster, Mr. Audery Hess and Mrs. Nancy Gray.

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 27.—The tenth annual meeting of the American philosophical Association which opened here today with a large attendance and which is scheduled to continue until Thursday, promises to be of exceptional interest owing to the action of the executive committee in deviating in its arrangements and plans from the routine observed at former meetings. Subjects of unusual interest have been chosen for discussion and the program of the sessions has been so arranged as to give more time for debate and reading of polemic essays. It has also been arranged that the business meetings are held at a time when they will not be interfered with by other matters.

DELICACY

A young man who had lost his wife married his deceased wife's sister while still in mourning. While on his honeymoon, a friend of his, whom he had not seen for a long time, met him in a restaurant. The friend, after being introduced to the bride, said sympathetically:

"But who are you mourning for, old man?"

"For my sister-in-law," was the delicate reply.—Metropolitan Magazine.

BREAKING IT GENTLY

Callahan was stopped on the street by Father Clancy. The good priest's countenance took on a sad expression.

"What's this, I hear, Callahan," asked he, "about your breaking Hogan's head last night? And the two of you friends for years!"

Callahan seemed somewhat taken back. "Sure I was compelled to do it, your reverence," he explained apologetically, "but, out of consideration for that same friendship, I broke it gently, your reverence."—Lippincott's Magazine.

GOT HER 20 CENTS

A well-dressed woman standing just inside of a pay-as-you-enter car taking fares from passengers was recently one of New York's queer scenes. On entering the car the woman dropped a 25-cent piece into the fare box my mistake. The conductor could do nothing in the matter. "Very well," said the woman, "I will get my 20 cents from the next four passengers."

She explained the situation to the first man who boarded the car, took his nickel, saw that the fare was rung up and stood her ground till the change to which she was entitled was collected.—New York Tribune.

GREAT SALE

OF

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Following one of the greatest selling weeks in the history of this store bona fide clearance prices are marked on all ready-to-wear garments for Ladies, Misses and Children.

Ladies' Tailored Suits		Ladies' Fine Coats	
Divided into Four Lots for quick selling. Here's the suit opportunity of the year.			
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\$15.00 and \$16.50 All-Wool Suits Long coats; plaited skirts.....	\$10.50	\$15 and \$16.50 Ladies' and Misses Coats; long coats of Kersey and broadcloth.....	\$11.50
\$18.50 and \$20.00 Satin Lined Suits; fine serges and broad cloths....	\$14.50	\$22.50 and \$25.00 Ladies' Long Coats; stylish black coats; silk lined..	\$17.50
\$25.00 Suits— in all the newest shades.....	\$17.50	\$35.00 Cloth Coats— trimmed handsomely.....	\$25.00
		\$5.00 Coats—While they last.....	\$3.75

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OBITUARY

Mary Ann Harding
Mary Ann Harding died at 5 o'clock Monday morning one half mile south of Amity at the home of her son, Albert Platt. Her death was due to pneumonia after an illness of one week. The deceased was 83 years of age and was born in Pennsylvania. She is survived by two sons, Thomas Platt of Kansas and Albert Platt of Amity, also two daughters, Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Styers of Mt. Vernon. The funeral services Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and interment at St. John's cemetery, near Amity.

Jeanette Hackley
Jeanette Hackley, the fourteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hackley, colored, died at the home of her parents on North Jefferson street Sunday morning after a one week's illness. The child is survived by her parents. The funeral at the house Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. J. M. Tate officiating. Interment in Mount View Cemetery.

Mrs. Wellington McElroy
Mrs. Wellington McElroy died at her home one mile east of Millwood on Sunday night at about ten-thirty o'clock after a three weeks' illness of pneumonia. The deceased was 45 years of age at the time of her death and is survived by her husband and several brothers and sisters. The funeral at St. Luke's Catholic church in Danville on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Trogus officiating. Interment in the Catholic cemetery at Danville.

Howard Chew
Howard Chew died at his home in Fredericktown on Sunday night at about 10:30 o'clock after a several days' illness caused by erysipelas of the face. He was 14 years of age at the time of his death and is survived by his mother and one brother. The funeral at the house Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. H. M. Noble officiating. Interment in Forest Cemetery at Fredericktown.

Women Without Names.
"Womankind in Korea," says E. G. Kemp in "The Face of Manchuria," "suffers from a strange lack—the absence of names. A woman may possess a pet name; otherwise she has none. Frequently she does not even know her husband's name. If she becomes a Christian and receives baptism she acquires a name, and this must give her quite a new sense of dignity."

The Right Ring.
The Father—That young fellow who has been calling her lately is a very fine young man. He has the right ring about him. The Daughter (tearfully)—Has he? Have you seen it? Is it a diamond?

AN UNREAD REPORT.

The Methods of Barney Barnato in His Mining Ventures.

Barney Barnato before the tragic termination of his career was widely known because of his large fortune won in mining ventures. His rapid accumulation of wealth was popularly attributed to luck, but luck of the persistent variety usually rests upon a more solid basis than mere chance. An insight to Barnato's methods is afforded by an incident recently related by A. A. Blow, an American engineer once in Barnato's employ. After an exhaustive examination of a mine whose purchase was under consideration Blow prepared an elaborate and voluminous report. It was accompanied by maps and selections and was a piece of work of which the engineer felt that he could be justly proud. When it was handed to Barnato to read, however, the latter laid it aside unopened.

"Tell me about it," he said.

Blow proceeded to make an oral report.

Barnato dozed. Finally he exclaimed:

"I employed you because I think you know something about this business, and I do not. Now, I do not want to hear all of this scientific rot about this mine. All I want you to tell me is whether it is good business?"

Blow told him "No."

"Then that settles it," said Barnato.

"You are willing to accept the responsibility of turning down this property at the price offered?"

"Yes," was Blow's reply, "but I want you to examine the reports, maps, assays, plans, etc., and see the reasons I have for my conclusions."

"Why should I do this?" Barnato inquired. "You tell me that it is not 'good business.' And as I cannot understand your report why should I waste my time on anything that is not good business?"—Moody's Magazine.

The Largest Islands.
Australia has long been classed as the least of the continents and not as an island. The largest islands are graded downward in the order of their size, as follows: Greenland, 850,000 square miles; New Guinea, 312,000; Borneo, 280,000; Madagascar, 230,000. In the absence of exact surveys these areas are rough estimates and must be considered only as approximations, but it is not likely that careful measurements will introduce corrections so large as to change the order of the four. Australia is but slightly smaller than the continental United States excluding Alaska.—Exchange.

Already Trained.
"I suppose you always prefer to enlist men who are not married?" I remarked to the sergeant who has charge of the recruiting station on Cannon street.

"No; you're mistaken there," he hastened to reply. "I prefer married men every time. You see, we don't have to go to the trouble of teaching married men to obey."—Chicago News.

Heartless Husband.
"Want to go to the theater tonight?" "I have nothing to wear," said the wife pointedly.

"Then we'll go to one of those moving picture shows where it's dark."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

FOR SALE—I have a fine Stanhope buggy, nearly new, for \$75, not half price. A great bargain for any one wanting a nice pleasure buggy. See L. G. Hunt, 36 Public Square. Citizens' phone 58 Red.

OUR FORT IN CANADA

It is not generally known that our government once undertook to erect a fort on British soil. The site of this fort was about half a mile northeast of Rouses Point, N. Y., not far from the foot of Lake Champlain. Popularly it was known as "Fort Blunder." It appears that in the war of 1812 our government felt the necessity of guarding the entrance of Lake Champlain. Accordingly in 1815 was begun the erection of Fort Montgomery. The original notion was to construct a great fort. In those days that meant a fort with three tiers of guns.

When the work had been in hand for sometime it was discovered that owing to an error of early surveyors the actual boundary between New York and Canada, the forty-sixth parallel of north latitude, passed south of the fort. Work on the fort was suspended for about twenty-five years, and not until the year 1842 was the territory restored to the United States. The agreement known as the Webster-Ashburton treaty, establishing the northeastern boundary, made the line between New York and Canada conform to the old and incorrect and early survey. Thus "Fort Blunder" was again on United States territory. The people of Maine, it is said, never quite forgave Daniel Webster for giving up, as they claimed he did, a great slice of territory to which they thought themselves entitled in order to save Rouses Point.

After the boundary question was settled the fort was finished, but it was never manned by more than sufficient men to keep it in order, and it was never armed.—Harper's Weekly.

PROSECUTORS TO TALK SHOP

Lancing Mich., Dec. 27.—Necessary reforms of the criminal laws and the best means for bringing about the desired changes will be the subject for consideration at the annual convention of the Michigan Association of Prosecuting Attorneys which opened its two-day session in the senate chamber of the State Capitol here today. Among those in attendance are many of the most noted prosecutors in the State, including Judge Philip T. Van Zile of Wayne County, President Walter S. Foster, Ingham; Howard Cavanaugh, Calhoun; Attorney General Frank Kuhn, and others. President Foster is scheduled to speak on "The inefficiency of the criminal laws governing non-support cases," and Mr. Cavanaugh will speak on "Local Option from the prosecutors standpoint."

Andrew Jackson McFadden
Andrew Jackson McFadden died at his home on North Center Run street on Monday afternoon about 4:15 o'clock after an illness of only about six hours. Mr. McFadden was at his home at about ten o'clock when he was seized with a stroke of apoplexy, and died six hours afterwards. The deceased was a retired farmer, 74 years of age and survived by his wife, two sons, Benjamin and William McFadden of Schreve, Ohio, three daughters, Mrs. Helen Barnes of Tiverton, Ohio, Mrs. Louise Roby of Wooster and Mrs. Bertha Parker of Mt. Vernon. He is also survived by four brothers and six sisters.

PHILOLOGISTS IN SESSION

Providence, R. I., Dec. 27.—The American Philological Society is in session at Brown University. It is the parent society of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Modern Language Association, the Semitic Society and various others. Many Western and Southern men are present from the University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, Vanderbilt University of Michigan, University of Tennessee.

MUSIC TEACHERS MEET

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The Music Teachers' National Association began its annual convention in this city today as the guest of Boston University and the music department of Harvard University. Many prominent musicians and musical instructors from various parts of the country are attending the sessions, which will last three days.

Why cabbage should be boiled when sauerkraut might be made of it is beyond our confessedly limited powers of comprehension.



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